

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides the RSP-1 and RSP-2 proteins which are involved in the cytoadhesion of *P. falciparum* during ring-stage infection of erythrocytes, antibodies which bind to the proteins, methods of screening for a *P. falciparum* infection, methods of determining the infective stage of *P. falciparum* and vaccines for protecting individuals from *Plasmodium* sp. infections.

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